

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, along with Senator Chambers, I did co-sponsor this piece of legislation and I couldn't tell if he was rising to oppose the advancement of the bill or not. He didn't say that. The only thing I can say to Senator Chambers is that, Senator Chambers, my conscience is clear. I don't have any problem with what has transpired today. I mean I think that the Governor is learning. If the Governor had done as good a job working LB 148 or 392, she may not have been overridden on those as well, and she learns quickly. No one can argue that because she has done a very good job of working this bill. LB 430 is a bill that doesn't do much and I have to kind of agree with Senator Chambers, I would like to see it pass. I think it probably needs to be passed. We need to have a speed limit that is similar to those in the states around us, but, ladies and gentlemen, don't be surprised if some of those states that are around us do provide for a graduated penalty such as what we currently have in law. Kansas is looking at that and they may very well pass that. There are other states in the greater part of the United States that fall under the rural interstate system that have large numbers of the miles of their interstate system that will be allowed to go to 65. They are also looking at this piece of legislation with an amendment similar to Senator Chambers. So it is something that will come back, whether we pass it in its current form which I am very sure we are going to do. I initially was worried on Select File when the bill only got 25 votes to advance that I might have a problem with the E clause. I don't think that that is going to be a problem any more. I think that there is going to be a huge number of green lights for this bill. If the bill passes or if it doesn't, the people are going to be no better or no worse off. Again, I have to go back to Senator Moore's comments on let's quit screwing around. It is interesting that we do pick some of the simplest issues to debate to death, and I think Senator Landis earlier in the session...I don't even know if it was with regard to this bill or not...said that we all have to put in our two cents on these kinds of issues, and some of us can't even afford that. Mr. Speaker, members, I would urge the body to advance the bill. Senator Chambers has some good points and he makes them well. Whether or not you agree with those, there have been a number of individuals who have, for whatever reason, decided to change or would pull out the amendment that was adopted on Select File. The bill as it stands is the bill that came out of Transportation Committee. I would have liked to have seen, and I voted and stood up and opposed the amendment, opposed the bringing back the bill, but